

9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, SWITZERLAND

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]

P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

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None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Birth certificates available to persons born in Switzerland are known and issued by local cantonal officials as listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Geburtsschein; Zivilstandsbeamter.

French speaking Switzerland - Acte de naissance; Officier de l'Etat Civil.

Italian speaking Switzerland - Atto di nascita; Ufficiale dello Stato Civile.

Records are complete since 1876. Previous to 1876, records were kept by church authorities and are available for all living persons.

Court Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Issued upon request by the Clerk of the Court where the conviction occurred. Court records are issued under the names listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Gerichtsurteil.

French speaking Switzerland - Jugement du Tribunal.

Italian speaking Switzerland - Sentenza del Tribunale.

Death Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. See birth certificates. Death certificates are issued under the names listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Todesschein.

French speaking Switzerland - Acte de deces.

Italian speaking Switzerland - Atto di morte.

Note: The "Family Book" (Familienbuechlein/Livret de Famille/Libretto di Famiglia) is also available, but only accepted as secondary evidence of birth, marriage and divorce, since formal certificates are readily obtainable.

Divorce Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Divorce certificates are available to persons divorced in Switzerland and issued by the Courthouse where the divorce took place. Divorce certificates are issued under the names listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Scheidungsurteil.

French speaking Switzerland - Acte de divorce.

Italian speaking Switzerland - Atto di divorzio.

Marriage Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Marriage certificates available to persons married in Switzerland are issued by the same officials as birth certificates and are listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Eheschein.

French speaking Switzerland - Acte de mariage.

Italian speaking Switzerland - Atto di matrimonio.

Records are complete since 1876. Prior to 1876 records were kept by church authorities.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Every male Swiss citizen from his 20th until his 50th year must be available for military service, or, in case of physical inability, to a military exemption tax. Military records are issued under the names and by the officials listed below:

German speaking Switzerland - Militaeramtliche Bescheinigung; Generalstab, UG Personelles der Armee, Sektion Wehrpflicht, 3003 Bern (Rodtmattstrasse 110).

French speaking Switzerland - Certificat Militaire; L'office Etat-Major General, Gr du personnel de l'armee, Section Obligations Militaires, 3003 Berne (Rodtmattstrasse 110).

Italian speaking Switzerland - Certificato di Posizione Militare; Stato Maggiore Generale, Gr del personale dell'esercito, Sezione Obblighi Militari, 3003 Berna (Rodtmattstrasse 110).

Records are complete since 1876. They commence for citizens at the age of 20 and are available for every male citizen who has reached that age. Military records do not reflect the individual's conduct during active service; however, sentences passed during military service are recorded in the central police register.

Police and Prison Records

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Available. There is, upon demand, an extract from the Swiss central police records, known as "Auszug aus dem Schweizerischen Zentralstrafregister/Extrait du casier judiciaire/Estratto del Casellario Giudiziario," which shows whether any person, of Swiss or other nationality, has been convicted of a crime in Switzerland. These records also contain information regarding Swiss citizens who have been convicted in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. The document is issued by the Schweizerisches Zentralpolizeibureau/Bureau Central Suisse de police/Ufficio Centrale Svizzero di Polizia at 3003 Bern (Bundesrain 20).

Extracts from the central police records do not include entries for sentences that have been stricken from the records. An entry will be stricken from the police register if the sentence has been suspended or if the sentenced person successfully serves a period of probation. In addition entries will be expunged after 15 years if no new sentence is recorded. The records are complete since 1876. Citizens records are usually kept from the age of 14 years.

Passports: Information on Travel Documents

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A blue "Travel Document/Titre de voyage" is issued to refugees in accordance with the International Treaty on Refugees of July 28, 1951. This document is normally valid for three years, and entitles the bearer to return to Switzerland.

A red "Passport for Foreigners/Passeport pour Etrangers" is issued to undocumented aliens who have a residence permit for Switzerland. This document is normally issued for three years and guarantees the bearer readmittance to Switzerland as long as it is valid.

A gray "Identity Certificate" for aliens without documents and/or "Certificat d'Identite" pour etrangers sans papiers is issued to undocumented aliens who are not refugees, and who do not have a residence permit for Switzerland. It is valid for one year and the bearer must obtain a visa for Switzerland in order to return.

All three travel documents contain the following annotation:

"This document is issued solely with a view to providing the holder with a travel document which can serve in lieu of a national passport. It is without prejudice to and in no way affects the holder's nationality."

VISA ISSUING POSTS

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Bern (E) All Categories

Telephone: 031/357-7011

The Geneva Consular Agency does not handle visa matters.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

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Bern: All